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AGENDA

May 20, 2010

8:30 AM

Athens Community Park Building
Athens, IL 62613

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/18/2010)

Introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members and Visitors

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project
Project Progress

New Facilities in 2010

2009 Tier 2 Forms Received in 2010

Interoperable Communications Tabletop Exercise

New Business

Chemical Releases Since Last Meeting

Emergency Medical Treatment for Anhydrous Ammonia

Winnebago County LEPC Conference

Menard County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Meeting Schedule for Next Year

Other Business

Other Business Old or New

September Meeting at OEM Building

Enjoy your Summer

Motion to Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – May 20, 2010

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:37 am, at the Athens Community Park Building, Athens IL 62613. The Chair thanked Chief David Baker for being our host and opening the park building for our use.

Members present included: Linda Bradbury, American Red Cross; John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center; David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital (SJH); Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Matt Helms, SFD (retired); Sam Luckey, Brandt Consolidated; Pat Metz, City Water, Light & Power; Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Jason Sukut, Menard County EMS; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health; Rick Weber, Springfield Fire Department (SFD); Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Committee (SSCRPC); and Ken Yocom, Menard County Rescue.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by Pat Metz and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from March 18, 2010.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made by the members in attendance. Visitors were recognized: Kathy Allen, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA); David Baker, Athens Police Department (for member Tricia Baker); Mike Burg, Menard County EMS; Bob Flemming, IEMA; and Dean Heyen, Menard County Department of Public Health (for member Alicia Davis).

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Matt Helms reported on his activities since the March meeting. He made site visits in Springfield to Level 3 Communications, Comcast Cable Communications (2 locations), Sunbelt Rentals, U. S. AutoForce and 360 Networks. He made a site visit in Illiopolis to Monsanto. He indicated that good progress was being made on his planning project.

The Chair told the committee that Matt was being much too modest about his accomplishments. The site plans for Level 3, Sunbelt, 360 Networks and one of the Comcast sites are written and lack only signatures to be considered complete. The other Comcast site and U.S. AutoForce will not require plans because of their small quantities of EHS in storage. The Chair's position is that Matt has completed 53 of the 55 site plans required for our planning district: all 7 plans required for Menard County are complete, all 12 plans for general industry are complete, all 22 plans for agricultural chemicals are complete and 12 of 14 plans for telecommunications are complete.

The remaining 2 plans will be written when Matt addresses AT&T revisions this summer as they pertain to a switch for AT&T Mobility and a tower owned by American Tower Corp., leased to AT&T. From conversations that Matt had with AT&T employees last year, he believes it may have sites reporting less than the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) on their Tier 2 forms which will actually need to have site plans. The Chair drew the distinction that Matt is not an inspector and that through his annual visits he has become a trusted person to the owners/operators of regulated facilities. We are using Matt's knowledge and experience to determine whether Tier 2 forms are being correctly filed.

2009 Tier 2 Forms – The Chair announced that by the end of April, the LEPC had received all its Tier 2 Forms: 126 for Sangamon County and 14 for Menard County. Of the 140 received, 80 Tier 2 Forms reported storage of extremely hazardous substances (EHS). Of the 80 facilities with EHS, 55 store EHS above the TPQ. Both the Chair and Matt indicated that our LEPC is seeing benefits from IEMA's electronic filing system for Tier 2 forms. The Chair identified to Kathy Allen that Rick Weber is the newly promoted Deputy Chief for SFD Fire Safety where Tier 2 forms are received and Kathy sought information from Rick to allow him access to the electronic filing system.

Interoperable Communications Tabletop Exercise – Sangamon County has a grant to write a Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan. The validation exercise will be held on Thursday, June 24, at the Riverton Firehouse between 12:30 and 3:00 pm. It will involve a hazardous material. LEPC member, Louie Rogers, will be Incident Commander for the event. Bob Flemming will assist the Chair with exercise design. Bob will lead the evaluation. The correct address for Riverton Firehouse is 710 Riverton Road.

New Business

Chemical Releases Since Last Meeting – During a 2 week period in April, 3 Anhydrous Ammonia (NH₃) releases were reported in our planning district. Two were in fields, but one was a highway accident near school buildings. The Chair recounted his involvement with this transportation accident and recognized the participation of Brandt Consolidated at the HAZMAT scene. Sam Luckey told the committee that Brandt gives NH₃ training to its employees twice annually. This was an unusual spring for NH₃ sales. Most years, field application is made in the fall, but the late harvest in 2009 pushed sales and application to this spring. Kathy recounted that April saw a large number of NH₃ releases around the state. Beginning next week, IEMA will have LEPCs identified for immediate notification of HAZMAT releases in their counties.

Emergency Medical Treatment for NH₃ – John Brennan and Brian Churchill gave a presentation of activities at their Emergency Departments (EDs) for a patient exposed to NH₃. Stripping the patient to prevent absorbed material from contaminating new areas with chemical emitting from his clothing is essential. A patient brought in by ambulance will be decontaminated before entering the ED. A patient privately transported who presents himself for ED check-in will be hustled outside to go through the decontamination process. This was a major concern at the height of the methamphetamine problem.

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – Larry Graf and Matt attended the conference 2 weeks ago and Kathy was a presenter. Kathy used our LEPC and Matt's planning project as an example for other LEPCs to follow. Larry and Matt participated in a tabletop exercise for which our LEPC received credit.

Menard County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Larry is leading Menard County's effort to write a hazard mitigation plan similar to the planning effort that Linda Wheeland led for Sangamon County in 2008. Kathy had information about a similar planning effort in JoDavies County obtained from their LEPC which she shared with Larry. The Chair praised Linda as a professional planner with SSCRPC who fills a transportation slot for our LEPC and asked her about current transportation initiatives. Linda was at the ribbon cutting for the MacArthur extension in Springfield and is leading efforts this week for Curb Your Car – Bike to Work week. No one biked to our meeting in Athens, but Tracy Garrison biked nearly 20 miles from home to get a County car to complete his trip north to the meeting.

Meeting Schedule for Next Year – The Chair led a discussion on dates for our meetings. Matt's progress reports are the most important topic when we meet. Thursdays work best. 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays are all subject to potential conflicts with Thanksgiving, IEMA Conference, New Year's, etc. A motion was made by Linda Wheeland, seconded by Pat Metz and approved unanimously to continue our meetings for the next fiscal year on the 3rd Thursday of odd months, skipping July. We will meet on September 16 at the OEM Building; November 18, January 20 and March 17 at the Office of the State Fire Marshal and May 19 at Athens Community Park.

Other Business

St. John's Hospital Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) – Brian described parallels between our HAZMAT analysis and a medical center HVA. He shared information about the HVA completed by SJH and recognized the LEPC as a community partner. An electronic copy of SJH's HVA is distributed to all LEPC members with these minutes.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, September 16, 2010, at the OEM Building in Springfield. It will be our annual meeting to which we encourage the public to come if they wish to review any of the site plans that have been written. A video on the 2004 Formosa Plastics plant explosion will be part of that agenda. There will be no meeting in July. All members of the LEPC are encouraged to enjoy their summers. With no further business to be considered, a motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by John Brennan and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am.